श्री सभापति : जल्दी सवाल कीजिए ।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : इस खाद्य तेल के इम्पोर्ट में हर साल कितना इन्क्रीज हो रहा है ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

हरे पेड़ों के काटे जाने पर रोक

*183. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हरे पेड़ों के काटे जाने पर रोक लगाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार अथवा किन्हीं राज्य सरकारों द्वारा कोई कानून बनाये गये हैं; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हरे पेड़ों के काटे जाने से हिमालय क्षेत्र में प्राकृतिक संतुलन बिगड़ गया है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जैड० आर० अंसारी) : (क) केन्द्र सरकार या राज्य सरकार द्वारा खास तौर पर हरे वृक्षों को काटने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के लिये कोई कानून नहीं बनाया गया है ।

(ख) हरे वृक्षों के काटे जाने के कारण हिमालय क्षेत्र में प्राकृतिक संतुलन बिगड़ा है ।

Closure of Textile Mills

*186. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in March, 1986 about 72 textile mills were lying closed and in March 1987, the number rose to 90; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what is the number of closed textile mills at present; and

(c) what was the number of closed textile mills before the new textile policy was announced and by how much it has increased or decreased since then?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The closures were largely due to financial difficulties, strikes/lock-outs, etc.

(b) The number of cotton/man made fibre textile mills closed on 31-12-87 was 133.

(c) The number of such mills closed as on 31-5-85 was 68. The number of such mills had, thus increased by 65 (as on 31-12-87).

Smuggling of Gold, Narcotics and Pornographic Literature

*187. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of gold, synthetic fabrics, narcotic drugs and pornographic literature into the country has assumed alarming proportions in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard for the last three years; and

(c) what measures Government have taken or propose to take to curb such smuggling effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Gold, synthetic fabrics and narcotic drugs continue to be items sensitive to smuggling. There is no positive evidence of smuggling having gone up in alarming proportions. There is no indication of any organised smuggling of pornographic literature.

(b) The value of gold, synthetic fabrics and narcotic drugs seized under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 for the last three years is given below:—

(*Value : Rs. in crores*)

Year	Gold	Synthetic fabrics	Narcotics drugs
1985	51.89	16.48	23.36
1986	46.66	14.61	52.42
1987 (Provisional)	65.44	8.75	46.79

Separate figures in respect of pornographic literature are not maintained. However, the value of all contraband seized under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 during the last three years is given below:—

(*Value: Rs. in crores*)

Year	Total value of contraband
1985	195.63
1986	217.52
1987	250.02

(c) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified throughout the country and the anti-smuggling machinery has been geared up particularly at the international airports and ports and in the vulnerable areas of the coastline and the land borders. Close coordination is maintained with all the concerned agencies in the prevention and detection of smuggling.

Facilities for prisoners in Tihar Jail

*188. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical facilities for prisoners lodged in Tihar Jail have been improved recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of some improvements a large number of prisoners are suffering from skin and other diseases and if so, the steps being taken to prevent such diseases in the Jail; and

(d) whether Government have any expansion programme for Tihar Jail in order to accommodate more prisoners; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) To improve the medical facilities for the prisoners lodged in the Jails at Tihar, the Delhi Administration has taken several steps. The number of doctors has been increased from 4 to 11 and several posts of paramedical staff have been created. Dental, mental treatment and pathological facilities have also been added in the Jail Hospital. Each Jail at Tihar is having its own dispensary with proper stock of medicines.

The number of prisoners who are having skin and other diseases is not very large. Such prisoners are segregated from other prisoners and are given regular specialised medical treatment. The blankets and clothings of the prisoners are being regularly washed to prevent skin diseases.

In order to accommodate more prisoners, Delhi Administration have already acquired 78.62 acres of land for construction of a new District Jail at Mandoli. Planning Commission has also approved the construction of another jail with a capacity of 1400 prisoners adjacent to the present Jails at Tihar.

Increase in the Prices of Coal, Sugar and Petrol

*189. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Government have increased the prices of coal, rice